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RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during June 2016 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was up 19 percent from June 2015. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 399,000 pounds live weight, up 25 percent from June 2015. Cattle slaughter totaled 400 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,145 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 159,000 pounds live weight, up 18 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 261 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.23 billion pounds in June, up 5 percent from the 4.02 billion pounds produced in June 2015.

Beef production, at 2.19 billion pounds, was 10 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, up 10 percent from June 2015. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,335 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.4 million pounds, 8 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,600 head, up 7 percent from June 2015. The average live weight was down 45 pounds from last year, at 291 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.01 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.57 million head, up 1 percent from June 2015. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 2 percent from June 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 195,200 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January to June 2016 commercial red meat production was 24.4 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

June 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2016 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

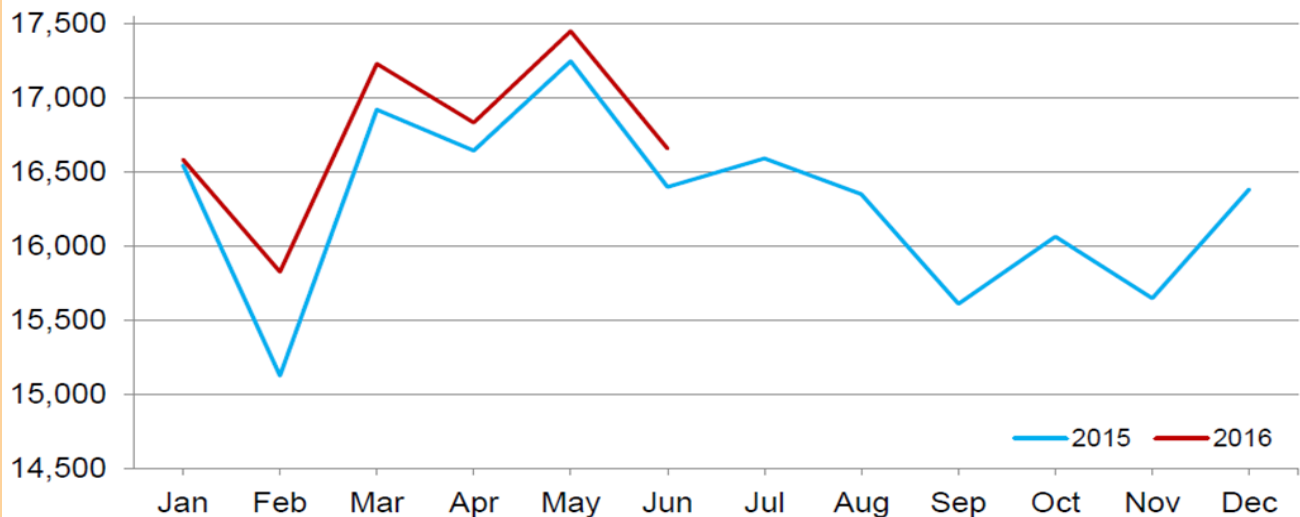
Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.

SECOND QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production in West Virginia totaled 36 million pounds or 4.2 million gallons during the April - June quarter of 2016. This was down 1 million pounds or 116,000 gallons from

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

Million pounds



the same period in 2015, but unchanged from the January - March 2016 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 9,000 head, unchanged from the same period in 2015, and unchanged from the previous quarter.

United States – Milk production in the United States during the April - June quarter totaled 54.4 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from the April - June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.33 million head, 8,000 head more than the January - March quarter, and 6,000 head more than the same period last year.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.

PEACH AND APPLE PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – In 2015, total **peach production** was 5,800 tons (11.6 million pounds), up 440 tons (880,000 pounds) from 2014. Utilized production totaled 5,660 tons (11.3 million pounds), an increase of 410 tons (820,000 pounds) from 2014. Value of utilized production totaled \$6.06 million, an increase of 13 percent from 2014. Bearing acres were estimated at 950, unchanged from 2014, with an average yield of 6.11 tons (12,220 pounds) per acre,

up 0.47 tons (940 pounds) from 2014. The average price received per ton was estimated at \$1,070.00. This was an increase of \$50.00 per ton from 2014. Based on utilized production, West Virginia ranks 11th in the nation for peach production.

Total **apple production** for 2015 was estimated at 90.2 million pounds (2.15 million, 42 lb. bushels), down 4 percent, or 3.8 million pounds from 2014. Utilized production totaled 90.0 million pounds, down 4 million pounds from 2014. Apples for fresh market totaled 17.0 million pounds, down 3 million pounds from 2014. Apples for processing accounted for 73.0 million pounds of the 2015 crop, this is 1 million pounds less than the 2014 crop.

The average price received for 2015 apples was 15.0 cents per pound, unchanged from the 2014 price. Total value of utilized production was \$13.5 million for the crop, down \$608,000 from the 2014 value of \$14.1 million. Fresh market apples brought 33.0 cents per pound in 2015, down 0.6 cents per pound from 2014. Processed apples sold for \$217.00 per ton, up \$16 per ton from 2014.

Bearing acreage of apples totaled 4,400 acres in 2015, unchanged from 2014. The yield per acre was 20,500 pounds, 900 pounds per acre less than in 2014. The yield was based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to marketing conditions. Based on

utilized production, West Virginia ranks 9th in the nation for apple production.

United States – The U.S. **peach production** in 2015 was estimated at 847,210 tons, down less than 1 percent from the 2014 estimate of 852,939 tons. Of this production, 825,415 tons were utilized, down 2 percent from 2014. Bearing acreage of peaches totaled 99,790 acres, down 2,750 acres from 2014. Value of utilized production totaled \$605.8 million, down 4 percent from the 2014 total. The average price received for peaches was \$734.00 per ton, down \$17.00 per ton from the 2014 price.

Total **apple production** for 2015 is estimated at 10.0 billion pounds, down 15 percent from the 2014 total. Utilized apple production totaled 9.9 billion pounds, down 11 percent from 2014. Bearing acreage of apples totaled 315,880 acres in 2015, down 2,300 acres from 2014. Value of utilized production totaled \$3.39 billion, up 18 percent from the 2014 total. Price per pound averaged 34.2 cents, up 8.5 cents per pound from the 2014 price of 25.7 cents. A total of 6.9 billion pounds were sold for fresh market, down 13 percent from 2014. There were 3.07 billion pounds for processing, down 7 percent from the 2014 total.

GRAIN STOCKS

United States – Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2016 totaled 4.72 billion bushels, up 6 percent from June 1, 2015. Of the total stocks, 2.47 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 9 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.25 billion bushels, are up 3 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2016 indicated disappearance is 3.10 billion bushels, compared with 3.30 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2016 totaled 870 million bushels, up 39 percent from June 1, 2015. On-farm stocks totaled 281 million bushels, up 14 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 589 million bushels, are up 55 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2016 quarter totaled 661 million bushels, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop all wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2016 totaled 981 million bushels, up 30 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 197

million bushels, up 27 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 784 million bushels, are up 31 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2016 indicated disappearance is 391 million bushels, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Old crop Durum wheat stocks in all positions on June 1, 2016 totaled 27.9 million bushels, up 9 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 12.2 million bushels, are up 19 percent from June 1, 2015. Off-farm stocks totaled 15.7 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2016 indicated disappearance of 14.7 million bushels is up 22 percent from the same period a year earlier.

CROP ACREAGE

Charleston, West Virginia – Winter wheat planted in West Virginia for 2016 is estimated at 8,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from 2015. The projected harvest for grain is 4,000 acres, unchanged from 2015.

Corn planted is estimated at 50,000 acres, unchanged from 2015. Growers expect to harvest 35,000 acres for grain, unchanged from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 28,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2015. Harvested acreage is projected at 27,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from 2015.

All hay harvested is forecast at 590,000 acres, unchanged from last year. **Alfalfa hay** harvested is expected to total 20,000 acres, unchanged from last year. **Other hay** harvested is expected to be 570,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2016, Agricultural Survey.

United States with 2015 Comparisons

Corn planted for all purposes - 94.1 million acres, up 7 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all corn planted:

Insect resistant (biotech) - 3% of 2016 crop, 4% of 2015 crop;

Herbicide resistant - 13% of 2016 crop, 12% of 2015 crop;

Stacked gene - 76% of 2016 crop, 77% of 2015 crop;
All Biotech varieties - 92% of 2016 crop, 92% of 2015 crop.
Corn harvested for grain - 86.6 million acres, up 7 percent.
Winter wheat planted - 36.5 million acres, down 7 percent.
Winter wheat harvested for grain - 30.2 million acres, down 6 percent.
Oats planted - 3.0 million acres, down 2 percent.
Oats harvested for grain - 1.2 million acres, down 9 percent.
All tobacco harvested - 311,150 acres, down 5 percent.
Burley tobacco harvested - 75,900 acres, down 4 percent.
All hay for harvest - 56.1 million acres, up 3 percent.
Alfalfa hay for harvest - 18.1 million acres, up 2 percent.
Other hay for harvest - 38.1 million acres, up 4 percent.
Soybeans planted - 83.7 million acres, up 1 percent.
Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:
Herbicide resistant - 94% of 2016 crop, 94% of 2015 crop;
All Biotech varieties - 94% of 2016 crop, 94% of 2015 crop.
Soybeans for harvest - 83.0 million acres, up 1 percent.

CEAP SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is currently contacting 25,000 farmers and ranchers to take part in a national survey that will more accurately measure the environmental benefits associated with implementation and installation of conservation practices on agricultural land. The results of the National Resources Inventory Conservation Effects Assessment Project (NRI-CEAP) survey will help further develop the science-based solutions for managing the agricultural landscape to improve environmental quality.

NASS conducts the NRI-CEAP survey under a cooperative agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRI-CEAP survey will be conducted in two parts. In the first survey, which is shorter, NASS will determine eligibility for the more in-depth survey that will take place between October 2016 and February 2017. The privacy of all respondents is safeguarded, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by Federal law.

West Virginia field enumerators will be contacting farmers from August through September for Phase 1 of the survey. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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